

2003 RPPA CONFERENCE

DRAFT AGENDA

The following is the **proposed** agenda for the 2003 Respiratory Protection Program Administrator's (RPPA) Conference. The conference will be held in Amarillo, Texas on May 21-23, 2003. Pantex will be the host DOE site. The conference will be held at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I -40 West, Amarillo, TX 79102. The phone number for the Ambassador Hotel is (806) 358-6161 and fax number is (806) 358-9869. Meeting times will be from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM daily or longer as needed. May 23 will be the Vendor's Day and devoted entirely to viewing respiratory products from several respirator manufacturers. These will include MSA, Scott, Avon, 3M, North, Survivair, Draeger and Moldex.

WELCOME: T.C. "Cliff" Ledford, Fluor Hanford (FH) RPPA and Larry Boyer, Pantex RPPA.

LOGISTICS: Larry Boyer, Pantex RPPA.

LUNCH and DINNER: Recommendations from Pantex Safety Personnel.

INTRODUCTIONS: T.C. "Cliff" Ledford, FH RPPA.

TOPICS

1. *Department of Energy (DOE) CBRN implementation*-Will request each attending site to give an update on how they are implementing their respective CBRN policies. Kurt Wilhem, Avon Products, will assist with this topic and what Avon is doing to help in the implementation process. Cliff Ledford will lead session.
2. *OSHA Update*-Edward Cosgrove, OSHA Lubbock Area Office Industrial Hygienist, will give this update and lead the session.

3. *ANSI Z88.2 Update*-Will find a lead for this session. Hopefully a member of the Z88.2 committee will attend and assume this lead. Right now this is a very contentious standard nationally.
4. *Mask Fit Issues*-Bryan Hiller, Coastal Health and Safety, will lead this session. This session will mainly deal with the Porta-Count-Plus machine. Will also attempt to get someone to discuss controlled negative pressure machines.
5. *Respiratory Protection Program Budgets*-In our ever shrinking budgets how do respirator programs survive?
6. *Training*-Each site should be prepared to discuss their training elements. Are they computer-based or stand-alone or both?
7. *DOE Respiratory Protection List Server*-Dan Marsick, DOE/HQ, will lead if he is available.
8. *Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPR) Issues*-Doug Herrick, Rocky Flats RPPA and Cliff Ledford, will lead discussion with input from all sites having issues with their respective PAPRs
9. *SCBA NIOSH CBRN Certification Requirements*-What are the parameters involved with the NIOSH CBRN certification and why is only one manufacturer certified to this point?
10. *State of the RPPA*-What is the future for the RPPA? What are OSHA and ANSI planning for with regards to qualifications of RPPAs? Does DOE have expectations for RPPA qualifications? What direction are the sites going with regards to respiratory protection? What else does the RPPA do besides respiratory protection?
11. *Hot topics*
12. Questions and Answers session.

May 23, 2003-Vendors Day. Respiratory Protection vendors will display all of their latest products and be available for Q&A with RPPAs. Pantex will also invite local disciplines to attend. This Vendor's Day will be located in the same area as the conference, which is the Ambassador Hotel. If you would like to see additional topics, let Cliff Ledford (troy_c_cliff_ledford@rl.gov) know as soon as possible. A final agenda will be sent out at least a month prior to the conference.